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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- ☒ Response to Non-Compliant Amendment (4 pages); and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17564-136. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

This paper is in response to the Office communication of September 23, 2004, in the above-identified patent application. The Office communication required correction of a status identifier for claims 30-33 in the Amendment and Response filed on September 10, 2004; a one-month period for response was provided. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17564-136.

As requested in the communication, Applicants hereby submit a corrected "**Amendments to the Claims**" section to replace the section that was provided in the previously filed Amendment. The corrected section begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.